CLAIMS

1.   (currently amended) A system for generating contextual markups of formatted documents, comprising a processor or software configured to receive documents over an electronic communication network, ~~convert unformatted documents into formatted documents~~ convert submitted formatted documents to standardized formatted documents, permit a user to add contextual markups to ~~formatted~~ said standardized formatted documents derived from said ~~received document~~ submitted formatted documents to generate a markup document, wherein said contextual markups comprise editorial comments, corrections, annotations, symbols and comments added by said user, and display said markup document on a web browser.

2.   (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said standardized formatted document is an image file.

3.   (original) The system of claim 2, wherein said contextual markups are added to an invisible image that maps to said image file.

4.   (canceled)

5.   (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said processor or software is further configured to store information pertaining to said received document in a database.

6.   (original) The system of claim 5, wherein said information is selected from the group consisting of identity of submitter, grade information, editorial comments, editorial rubrics, questions, and answers.

7.   (currently amended) A method for generating contextual markups of formatted documents, comprising:

  a)   providing a processor or software configured to receive documents over an electronic communication network, convert ~~unformatted documents into formatted documents~~ submitted formatted documents to standardized formatted documents, permit

a user to add contextual markups to formatted documents derived from said ~~received~~ ~~document~~ <u>submitted formatted documents</u> to generate a markup document, and display said markup document on a web browser;

      b)   inputting a document into said processor or software under conditions such that a formatted document is generated;

      c)   adding contextual markups to said <u>standardized</u> formatted document to generate a markup document <u>wherein said contextual markups comprise editorial comments, corrections, annotations, symbols and comments</u>; and

      d)   displaying said markup document.

8.   (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said document comprises a manuscript.

9.   (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said document comprises an educational assignment.

10.   (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said displaying comprises making said markup document available over an Internet.

11.   (currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein said <u>standardized</u> formatted document is an image file.

12.   (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said contextual markups are added to an invisible image that maps to said image file.

13.   (canceled)